

the calling and holding of said special election as aforesaid, and in respect to the publication of the notices preliminary to said election, and

WHEREAS, the legality of said ordinance and the franchise therein granted might at some future time be called in question, now therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Ordinance legalized. That the ordinance of the in-
2 corporated city of Iowa Falls, Iowa, passed by the city council of said
3 city on the 21st day of April, 1914, entitled: "An ordinance granting
4 permission to F. J. Cross, his successors or assigns, to acquire, con-
5 struct, maintain, use and operate a heating plant within the city of
6 Iowa Falls, Iowa, and to lay, relay, maintain, use and operate within,
7 along and across the streets, avenues, public places, bridges and alleys
8 of the city of Iowa Falls, Iowa, the necessary pipes, conduits, and other
9 construction of said heating plant and its distribution system and also
10 to connect said plant and said distributing system by the necessary
11 construction with the buildings of said city." be, and is hereby fully
12 legalized and declared valid, and of the same force and effect as if
13 said ordinance had in all respects been adopted by the city council of
14 the city of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and approved and voted upon by the qual-
15 ified electors of the city of Iowa Falls, Iowa, in the formal manner as
16 provided by the laws of this state, at a special election called and held
17 in the exact form and manner provided by the laws of this state there-
18 for, and as if all the laws in respect thereto had been fully complied
19 with.

1 SEC. 2. Pending litigation. Nothing in this act shall in any man-
2 ner affect pending litigation.

1 SEC. 3. Publication clause. This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall take effect from and after its publication in the Des
3 Moines News, a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa, and the
4 Cedar Rapids Republican, a newspaper published at Cedar Rapids,
5 Iowa, said publication to be without expense to the state.

Approved March 28, A. D. 1917.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines News March 31, 1917, and in the Cedar Rapids Republican April 3, 1917.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 79.

LEGALIZATION OF CITY AND TOWN PLATS.

H. F. 274.

AN ACT to legalize the defective platting of town and city lots, which plats were made prior to the year 1895, and have been of record twenty years or more, and declaring the ownership of premises to have been in proprietors thereof, and giving claimants six months in which to commence action, and barring claims thereafter.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Legalization of city and town plats. That in all cases
2 where, prior to January first, 1895, any person, persons or corpora-

3 tions have laid out any parcel of land into town or city lots and the
 4 plat or plats thereof have been recorded and the same appears to be
 5 insufficient because of failure to show certificates of the county judge,
 6 county treasurer or county recorder, or because said certificates are
 7 defective, or because said plat failed to show signatures or acknowl-
 8 edgment of proprietors as provided by law, or because said acknowl-
 9 edgment was defective, and subsequent to such platting, lots or sub-
 10 divisions thereof have been sold and conveyed, all such said plats which
 11 have not been vacated and have been of record for a period of twenty
 12 years or more, are hereby legalized and made of full force and effect as
 13 of the date of the making thereof the same as though all certificates
 14 had been attached and all the other necessary steps taken as provided
 15 by law, and the record thereof shall be conclusive evidence that the
 16 person, persons, firm or corporation were the proprietors of such tract
 17 of land and the owners thereof at the time of said platting and that
 18 said tract of land was free and clear of all encumbrance unless an affi-
 19 davit to the contrary was filed at the time of recording such plat. Any
 20 person or persons having, or claiming to have any right, title or inter-
 21 est in any platted premises affected by the provisions of this act and
 22 which right, title or interest this act terminates or cuts off or purports
 23 to terminate or cut off, shall have six months from the taking effect
 24 of this act in which to commence an action, or actions to establish such
 25 right, and thereafter shall be barred from claiming any such right,
 26 title or interest. The provisions of this act shall not affect pending
 27 litigation.

Approved March 28, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 80.

OF WEIGHTS, MEASURES AND INSPECTION.

S. F. 53.

AN ACT to amend section three thousand nine-1, (3009-1) supplement to the code, 1913, relating to coal—charcoal—coke—sale and delivery tickets.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Regulation of sale of coal, etc. That the period (.)
 2 after the word "weight" in the third line of section three thousand
 3 nine-1 (3009-1), supplement to the code, 1913, be and is hereby stricken
 4 out and a comma (,) inserted in lieu thereof, and after the word
 5 "weight" in said line three insert the following:
 6 "or to call, claim, or represent any coal, charcoal, or coke, as being
 7 the product of any county, state, or territory, except that in which the
 8 said coal, charcoal, or coke was mined or produced, or to represent
 9 that said coal, charcoal or coke contains more British thermal units
 10 (B. T. U.'s) than it does, in fact, contain".

Approved March 28, A. D. 1917.